

# Supporting Information

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## SI Materials and Methods

**Production and Labeling of Kinesin-5 Constructs.** Cysteine-light human kinesin-5 (K5) motor domain (MD) constructs (residues 1–367) with a single cysteine on L5 (T126C) or on the neck-linker (NL) (V365C) were recombinantly expressed in *Escherichia coli* and purified using a C-terminal His<sub>6</sub>-tag as previously described (1–3). We also generated a construct containing a cysteine in the N terminus (A9C) by chemical synthesis (GenScript), cloned into a pET21a expression vector. An undecagold cluster conjugated to a maleimide linker, provided by Dan Safer (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia), was used to label single cysteines (T126C, V365C, and A9C) covalently in the K5 constructs. Protocols for gold and protein activation and labeling of T126C and V365C were reported previously (3). The A9C K5 construct was exchanged into labeling buffer [10 mM Hepes (pH 7), 25 mM K-acetate, 1 mM Mg-acetate, 1 mM EGTA] supplemented with 1 mM Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP) (Sigma) using a PD10 desalting column (Amersham Biosciences). Eluted protein was incubated for 45 min at room temperature with 5 U/mL apyrase to remove bound nucleotides and recovered by nickel affinity chromatography. Immediately before mixing with a 40-fold molar excess of activated gold, the nucleotide-free A9C K5 construct was exchanged into labeling buffer without TCEP. After 18-h incubation at room temperature, labeled A9C proteins were recovered by nickel affinity chromatography. The labeling efficiency given by the concentrations of eluted protein and attached gold (determined by absorbance at 420 nm) was 64%.

We also generated two additional K5 MD constructs to monitor NL movement and the effect of deleting the N terminus on this process. The first construct, described previously (3), consists of a 1–367 monomeric construct containing two cysteines at positions 256 (V256C) and 365 (V365C). We previously showed that these mutations do not have any appreciable effect on the microtubule (MT)-activated ATPase  $k_{cat}$ . We also demonstrated in that study that attaching distance-sensitive fluorescent probes at these locations allows us to monitor the kinetics of nucleotide-induced NL movement, because the cysteine at position 256 is likely to serve as a stable frame of reference. In this study, we refer to this construct as “NT-Intact.” The other construct is equivalent to the NT-Intact construct, except that the first 17 N-terminal residues have been deleted. We refer to this construct as “NT-Deleted.” Both constructs were generated from inserts that were chemically synthesized (GenScript) and cloned into pET21a. Both constructs were labeled with tetramethyl rhodamine 5' maleimide (TMR) by incubation for 24 h with a 10-fold molar excess of TMR over MD, followed by gel filtration on Sephadex G25 to remove unbound label. Labeling stoichiometries of 1.7–1.9 were achieved for both constructs.

**Cryo-Electron Microscopy Image Analysis.** Bovine brain tubulin (Cytoskeleton, Inc.), at a final concentration of 5 mg/mL, was incubated for 1.5 h at 37 °C in a buffer containing 100 mM MES (pH 6.5), 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM DTT, and 2 mM GTP. Polymerized MTs were stabilized with 1 mM paclitaxel (Calbiochem) in dimethyl sulfoxide for a further 1.5 h at 37 °C. K5 MD was dialyzed into 80 mM Pipes (pH 6.8), 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM EGTA, and 1 mM TCEP before incubation with ADP aluminum fluoride (ADP.AIFx), or into 20 mM Pipes (pH 6.8), 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM EGTA, and 1 mM TCEP before incubation with ADP. MTs (2 μM) were incubated at room temperature either with a 10-fold molar excess of K5 MD (20 μM) and 2 mM ADP/2 mM AlCl<sub>3</sub>/7 mM NaF for 45 min or with a 15-fold excess

of K5 MD (30 μM), preincubated for 5 min on ice with 10 mM ADP and 2.5% (wt/vol) glycerol for ~30 s. Subsequently, 3.5 μL of the MT-MD mixture was applied to glow-discharged C-flat holey carbon grids (Protochips Inc.) at 24 °C and 100% humidity and was automatically blotted and plunged into liquid ethane (Vitrobot; FEI Company). Low-dose images were acquired using a Tecnai F20 FEG microscope (FEI Company) operating at 200 kV using a Gatan CT3500 Cryotransfer System (Gatan, Inc.). Micrographs were recorded at 0.7–2.4 μm defocus, 50,000× nominal magnification on Kodak SO-163 films digitized (SCAI scanner; Carl Zeiss, Inc) to a final sampling of 1.4 Å per pixel (ADP.AIFx) or at 68,000× magnification on a 4 k × 4 k CCD camera (Gatan) with a sampling of 2.2 Å per pixel (ADP).

3D reconstructions were produced using a previously described custom single-particle procedure (4, 5), which combines manual particle picking using Boxer (6), angle determination by projection matching using SPIDER (7), and angle refinement, 3D reconstruction, and full contrast transfer function correction using FREALIGN (8). MD bound to an αβ-tubulin dimer (139,000 and 125,000 asymmetric units) boxed from 167 and 213 13-prot filament MTs gave an isotropic angular distribution (Fig. S1 and Table S1) and was used to calculate the 3D reconstructions of the ADP.AIFx and ADP states, respectively. The resolution of the ADP.AIFx and ADP reconstructions was estimated at 9.2 Å and 10 Å, respectively, using the Fourier Shell Correlation 0.5 criterion. The occupancy of the disconnected NL electron microscopy density in the ADP.AIFx reconstruction was calculated from the ratio between the mean voxel values of this density and of a section of similar volume in the body of the MD (the helix α4 region).

The same reconstruction procedure was applied to the gold-labeled T126C (T126C-Au), V365C (V365C-Au), and A9C (A9C-Au). The presence of the gold cluster did not perturb the overall structure of K5 MDs, and gold densities were readily visible (Fig. S2). To extract gold-specific densities, difference maps were calculated between scaled and aligned gold-labeled and unlabeled reconstructions in each nucleotide state, each band-pass filtered at the same frequencies, using SPIDER (7) and IMAGIC-5 (9). We also prepared cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) samples of the 5'adenylyl-β,γ-imidophosphate (AMPPNP) and rigor states using gold-labeled A9C following the procedure described in ref. 3. 3D reconstructions and difference maps were calculated as described above.

**Atomic Model Building.** The coordinates of αβ-tubulin dimer [Protein Data Bank (PDB) ID code 1JFF (10)] and of different conformations of human K5 MDs available in the PDB were rigidly fit into an asymmetric unit of the ADP.AIFx and ADP reconstructions using UCSF Chimera (11). The K5 MD coordinates with AMPPNP or ADP bound produced the highest cross-correlation (CC) value between the experimental and the model-based simulated maps and were used as starting model for the ADP.AIFx and ADP states, respectively (Table S2). However, because helix α4 is longer in our reconstruction than in the available ADP crystal structures, we modeled seven helical turns of helix α4 (residues D279–E304), as observed in the K5 AMPPNP crystal structure, in all our other reconstructions. Although almost identical CC values are obtained for MD models with a long (0.791) or a short (0.793) helix α4, the longer version is more consistent overall with our reconstructions and with the observation of a long helix α4 of constant length in all four nucleotide states of K1 MD reconstructions (5). Because of the

absence of well-defined density accounting for switch II loop in our ADP reconstruction, we did not model residues N271–K280, which also are missing in the available ADP crystal structures. The coordinates of  $\alpha\beta$ -tubulin/K5 MD complexes were refined by flexible fitting using Flex-EM (12). To avoid overfitting, the rigid bodies used in the first cycle of flexible fitting were defined using the server RIBFIND (13). In a second cycle, individual secondary structure elements were released.

After the overall conformation of the K5 MD in each nucleotide state was modeled, the conformations of the N terminus, L5, and NL in the MD were defined more precisely. These mechanochemical elements either are absent in the available K5 MD crystal structures or are in a conformation that does not match the EM density. Using Modeler (14, 15), we generated 500 conformers of the N terminus for the ADP.AIFx (11 amino acids, N6–G16) and the ADP (seven amino acids, A9–K15) states. The conformers in which A9 satisfied the constraint of the gold position were selected, and the final conformation depicted in both states is the one that gave the highest CC value. Similarly, the final conformation of L5 in between the two Pro residues P121 and P131 (N122–D130) was generated by Modeler and selected among 250 initial conformers according to the same criteria. Finally, the disconnected conformation of the NL in the ADP.AIFx state was calculated using a conjugate-gradient energy minimization approach implemented in Flex-EM; this method was applied to the complete MD model with the NL docked along the MD to sample its conformational space independently of the EM reconstruction. Among 100 conformations of the NL, 44 were selected in which V365C satisfies the gold-density position. Subsequent ranking of these models based on the CC value and rmsd clustering  $C\alpha$  cutoff of 0.35 Å produced four clusters. The first cluster, whose 31 members have the highest CC, represents the docked conformation; the second cluster encompasses nine conformations that fit into the EM density of the undocked conformation; the third cluster is close to the second; and the last conformer lies between the docked and undocked conformations (Fig. S3). The final ADP.AIFx and ADP models, in which the L5 and N terminus conformation cannot be refined further at the current resolution, were energetically minimized, and their stereochemistry was checked. The increase of CC values calculated with the initial and final models assesses the quality of the fit (Table S2).

**Kinetic Methodologies.** The MT-activated ATPase activities of the K5 constructs were determined by measuring phosphate production with a commercially available kit (EnzChek; Molecular Probes). Assays contained 25–50 nM MD and a minimum of a fivefold molar excess of MTs (Fig. S6).

We measured the kinetics of NL movement and of the effect of N-terminal deletion on NL movement by labeling the two cysteines in the NT-Intact and NT-Deleted constructs with TMR.

We mixed TMR-labeled MD complexes with a three- to fivefold molar excess of MTs by adding the two components together in buffer containing 50 mM potassium acetate, 25 mM Hepes, 5 mM magnesium acetate, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM DTT (pH 7.50), and 0.2 U/mL type VII apyrase (Sigma-Aldrich) and incubating at 20 °C for 20 min before initiating the experiment. These samples then were mixed in a KinTek SF-2004 stopped-flow spectrophotometer with an instrument dead time of 1.2 ms. The TMR fluorophore was excited at 520 nm, and the fluorescence emission was monitored at 90° to the incident beam through a 590-nm long-pass filter to monitor changes in TMR emission.

**Gliding Assay and Image Acquisition.** The gliding assay was done in a flow cell (microscope slide plus hydrophobic coverslip, separated with double-sided tape). Initially, the flow cell was filled with penta-His antibodies (200  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ; Qiagen) at 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  (2.5  $\mu\text{L}$  antibody and 22.5  $\mu\text{L}$  PEM80); after a 10-min absorption the surface was blocked for 10 min by adding a casein solution (5.55 mg/mL of casein in 35 mM Pipes, 5 mM  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , 1 mM EGTA, 0.5 mM EDTA). Next motors were added [in 80 mM Pipes (pH 6.9), 50 mM  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{K}$ , 4 mM  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , 1 mM DTT, 1 mM EGTA, 10  $\mu\text{M}$  paclitaxel, 1 mg/mL casein] and were incubated for 5 min to bind the motors specifically to the antibodies by their Histags. Finally, 1  $\mu\text{L}$  of fluorescent MTs [30% rhodamine-tubulin (Cytoskeleton Inc, # T331) and 70% nonfluorescent tubulin] was added in 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of motility buffer with 0.6 mM (Fig. 4B) or 1 mM (Fig. S7) ATP and an oxygen-scavenging system (250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  glucose oxidase, 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  catalase, 4.5 mg/mL glucose).

Motion of the MTs was monitored using an inverted microscope (TE2000; Nikon) with a 100 $\times$  objective (NA = 1.49). Fluorescence images were acquired at 11.8 frame/s (FPS) using an EMCCD camera (Quantem 512SC; Photometrics; 512  $\times$  512 imaging pixels) and  $\mu$ -Manager software; one pixel corresponded to 60 nm. Movies were composed of 500 images. To track the fluorescent MTs, images first were processed with Matlab to remove shot noise and to enhance the visibility of MTs. Then, the intensity profile of the MT from each frame was determined using ImageJ. After smoothing the intensity profile first with a median filter (five points) and then with a Loess filter, we determined the tip position of MT in each frame from the point where the intensity from median filter and Loess filter became the same. This method yielded an uncertainty in the location of the MT tip of approximately one pixel, likely accounting for some of the “waviness” apparent in the trajectories. Finally, we smoothed each trajectory with a median filter (20 points). In some trials, a fraction (~30%) of the NT-Deleted (but not NT-Intact) MTs was paused on the coverslip, but in other trials only a few in each group were paused. Paused MTs and MTs exhibiting stop-and-go motion were excluded from the analysis (three such NT-Deleted traces were excluded, from 25 overall) in which individual trajectories were averaged together.

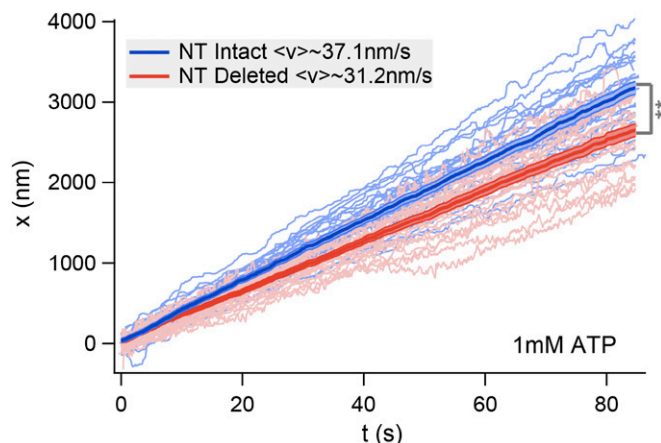
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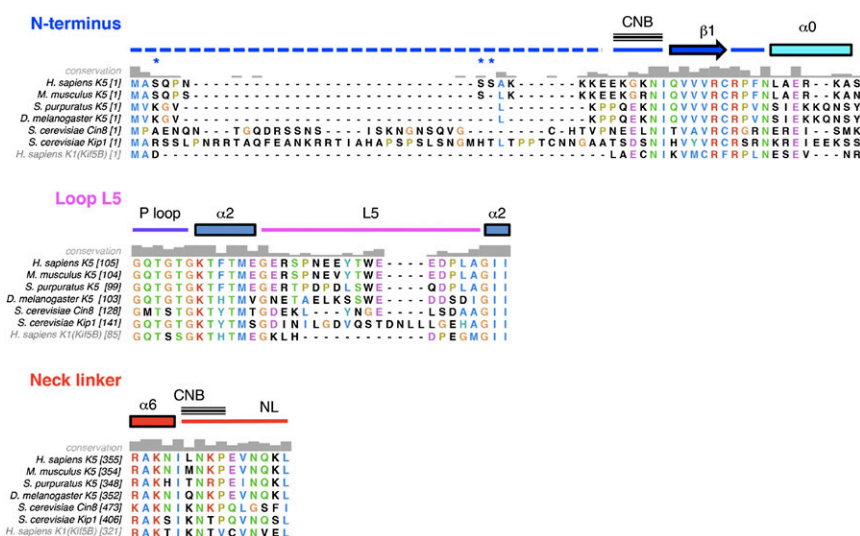








**Fig. S7.** Effect of deletion of the human K5 N terminus on gliding motility. Individual MT gliding traces for NT-Intact (blue) and NT-Deleted (red) constructs in the presence of 1 mM ATP. Each set of traces ( $n = 31$  and  $27$ , respectively) were averaged together pointwise to extract average behavior. [Bold traces: blue, 37.1 nm/s; red, 31.2 nm/s; error bars (light-colored zones) indicate SEM;  $**P < 0.001$ ]. In this trial, neither the NT-Deleted nor NT-Intact samples had a significant number of paused MTs.



**Fig. S8.** Sequence comparison between K5/K1 MDs illustrating conservation and divergence of the key regulatory regions. The associated secondary structural elements are indicated above the sequences. The parts of the N terminus and NL involved in cover neck bundle formation (CNB) are indicated. Conserved regions include  $\beta 1$  (blue), the P loop (purple), most of  $\alpha 2$  (gray blue), and the C-terminal end of  $\alpha 6$  (red). Regions of sequence divergence among K5s and compared with K1 (labeled in gray) are the N terminus (blue),  $\alpha 0$  (cyan), L5 (pink), and neck linker (red). UniProt codes are *Homo sapiens* K5: P52732; *Mus musculus* K5: Q6P9P6; *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus* K5: Q9GQ58; *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Cin8: P27895; *S. cerevisiae* Kip1: P28742; *H. sapiens* K1/Kif5B: Q6P164. The numbers in brackets are the starting residues for each alignment segment. Blue asterisks indicate residues in the N terminus of human K5 that are predicted phosphorylation sites [GPS 2.1 Online (1); NetPhosK1 (2)]. The alignment was generated using T-coffee (3) and displayed using Chimera (4).

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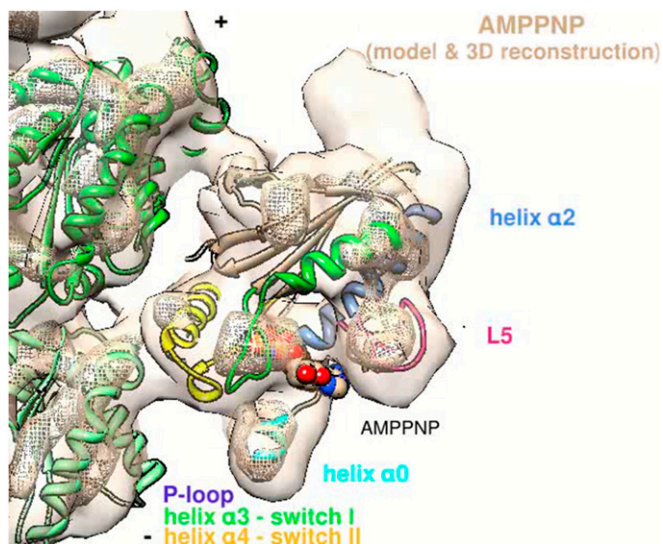
**Table S1. Resolution and number of asymmetric units included in each cryo-EM reconstruction**

Nucleotide state	K5 sample	No. of asymmetric units (no. of MTs)	Resolution, Å, FSC 0.5
ADP.AIFx	Unlabeled	~139,000 (167)	9.2
	T126C-Au	~7,300 (10)	19
	V365C-Au	~13,000 (13)	16
	A9C-Au	~14,000 (20)	18
ADP	Unlabeled	~125,000 (213)	10
	T126C-Au	~13,000 (26)	18
	V365C-Au	~30,000 (49)	20
	A9C-Au	~14,000 (27)	18
AMPPNP	A9C-Au	~21,000 (31)	25
Rigor	A9C-Au	~18,000 (17)	18

**Table S2. Correlation values between the experimental and simulated maps for each K5 MD atomic model**

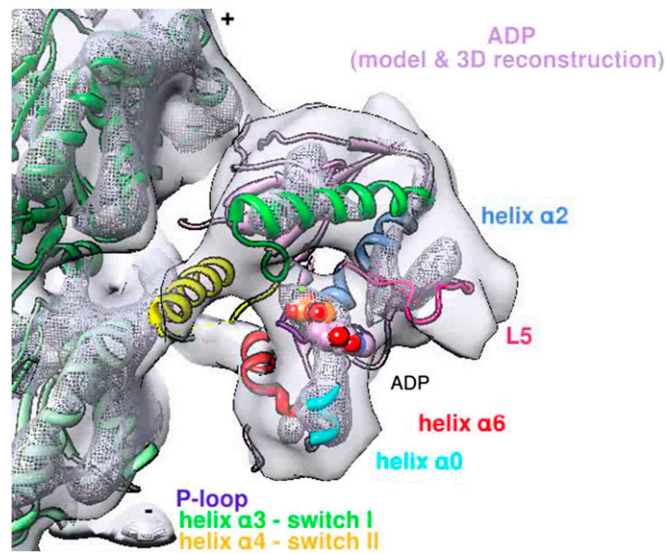
Models	Correlation values	
	ADP.AIFx	ADP
Initial models		
$\alpha\beta$ -tubulin (1JFF) +3HQD (AMPPNP)	0.654	0.764
$\alpha\beta$ -tubulin (1JFF) +1I16 (ADP)	0.640	0.768
$\alpha\beta$ -tubulin (1JFF) +2WOG (ADP+drug)	0.648	0.767
$\alpha\beta$ -tubulin (1JFF) +1Q0B (ADP+drug)	0.642	0.767
Final models	0.673 (NL docked)	0.791
	0.671 (NL undocked)	—

— indicates that only a single final model for the ADP state was calculated.

**Movie S1.** Concerted movement of L5, NL, and N terminus throughout the K5 ATPase cycle: the ATP hydrolysis transition step.

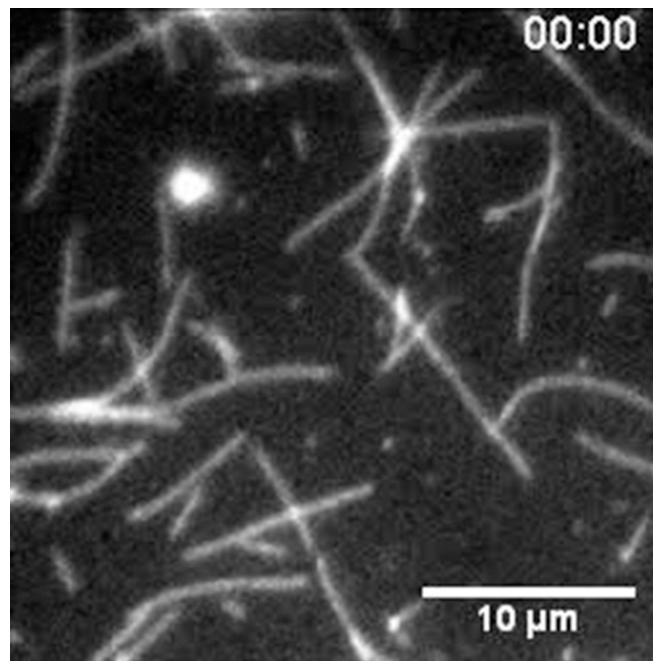
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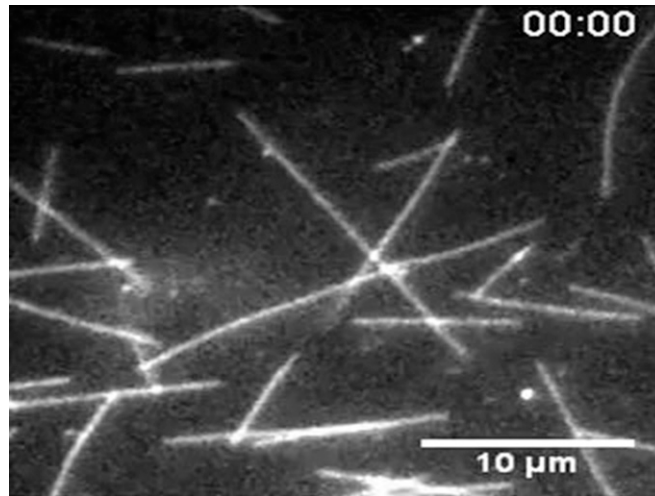
**Movie S2.** Concerted movement of L5, NL, and N terminus throughout the K5 ATPase cycle: the ADP release step.

[Movie S2](#)



**Movie S3.** Gliding assay of the NT-Intact K5 MD. MTs are recruited and moved by the NT-Intact K5 MD. The original recording was  $512 \times 512$  pixels, and 11.8 FPS. To make motion obvious, the movies have been sped up and now are viewed at  $\sim 0.7$  FPS. Because of size considerations, movies for demonstration were down-sampled to  $256 \times 256$  pixels, although actual quantitation as presented in the text was performed on the full-size, full-frame-rate movies.

[Movie S3](#)



**Movie S4.** Gliding assay of the NT-Deleted K5 MD. MTs are recruited and moved by the NT-Deleted K5 MD. Movie was prepared as for [Movie S3](#).

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